

(b) It is not correct to say that the Air Taxi Scheme has failed. Various restrictions in the operation of private airtaxis have been removed only recently. The planning for operation of air taxi services, the selection and import of aircraft, recruitment of personnel and establishment of the infrastructure facilities on the part of Private operators do require some time.

It is expected that the scheme will gain momentum in the near future. On its part, Government will provide further facilities for the scheme to succeed.

(c) There is no proposal to link all districts in the country by air. Air services are provided by operators on the basis of operational and commercial feasibility.

Supply of Piped Gas in Bombay

5415. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared a subsidiary company of the Gas Authority of India Limited with foreign collaboration for supplying piped gas in Bombay; and

(b) if so, the expenditures likely to be incurred for the purpose and when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Coaches attached to Jaipur-Rewari Shuttle Trains

5416. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coaches attached to Jaipur-Rewari shuttle train and the number out of them available for the passengers;

(b) whether passengers have to travel on the roof of the train due to shortage of coaches;

(c) the number of cases of passengers falling from the roof of the coaches on this route during the last three years; year-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the number of coaches attached to this train; and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) (a) Normal load of 15 9/160 Rewari-Jaipur Shuttle is five coaches and all the coaches are available for passengers.

(b) and

(c) No such case has come to notice.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As and when more coaches become available from our production units in the coming years.

[English]

Harnessing of Tidal wave in Gujarat

5417. DR. K.D. JESWANI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey report has been carried out for the production of tidal wave energy at the Khambat sea Coast of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which this scheme stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Detailed survey/ investigations to establish the techno-economic feasibility of power generation by harnessing tidal wave energy at the Khambat Sea Coast of Gujarat have not been undertaken.

Conversion of metre gauge line in Gujarat

5418. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted proposals for the conversion of several metre gauge lines into broad gauge; and

(b) the number of proposals out of them accepted for inclusion in Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The proposals for inclusion in 8th Plan are not yet finalised.

[Translation]

Rail Factory in Samastipur

5419. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the repair work of coaches and wagons of metre gauge line in rail coach factory Samastipur has been shifted to Gorakhpur factory and also plan to shift the rest of the factory some other place; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The Periodic Over-

haul (POH) repair work of Metre Gauge coaches was shifted to Gorakhpur workshop in 1983 and in lieu, POH work of wagon repair was transferred from Gorakhpur to Samastipur. The work of wagon POH is progressively decreasing on account of depleting Metre Gauge wagon fleet. The capacity in this workshop is also being utilised for manufacture of new Metre Gauge wagons. There is no proposal to shift this workshop to some other place.

Rail Factory at Jamalpur

5420. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workshops functioning under Jamalpur factory and out of them the number of workshops closed down;

(b) whether manufacturing of steam engine is proposed to be stopped there by 1992;

(c) if so, where workers of the said factory are proposed to be absorbed;

(d) whether the Government propose to start manufacturing of wagons and coaches there; if so, the details thereof and the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of sub-shops in the workshop at Jamalpur is thirty four and of these, none has been closed.

(b) No steam engine is manufactured at Jamalpur workshop.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). At present there is no proposal for want of facilities there.